State Report

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1. Pick a State within the U.S.- due **September 15, 2010 for 10 points**
2. Research your assigned state.
   1. Search the web for information on your county.
   2. Handwrite at least 3-4 pages of information from your research. We will have time in class or in the media center to do this, but will need to do some at home. **Due October 27 for 90 points.**
3. Type up 4-5 page report about your state. It is due **November 17, 2010 for 50 points**. The report should include some of the following information:
   1. Demographics
   2. Industry/Economy
   3. Major Attractions
   4. National Forest (if any)
   5. A brief History (about ½ -1 page)
   6. Any other interesting thing you learn
4. Type a second draft of your state report using corrections given to you by your peers. **Due December 1, 2010 for 50 points.** After completing this you need to find another person (i.e. parent, friend, etc…) to edit your paper. After this you are to make the corrections for your final paper.
5. Final Paper: Due **on December 22, 2010 for 100 points.** The final paper, 4-5 pages, should be formatted with these specifications:
   1. 12 point font
   2. 1 inch margins on all sides
   3. Time New Roman or Calibri fonts
   4. Name, date, period on title page-not the first page of the report.
   5. Stapled together-no plastic covers.
   6. Reference page
   7. No pictures included in the paper. They should be saved for the PowerPoint (see step 6)
6. With the information gathered about your county, create a fifteen slide power point presentation in class. This will be due on the same day as the final draft**, December 22, 2010 for 50 points.** You will need to send this to Mr. Fife by an email- jfife2@gmail.com
   1. The PowerPoint should include a picture(s) on every page.
   2. The PowerPoint should relay the same information that was presented in the research paper.
   3. Can add additional information that was not included in the report because there wasn’t enough room.
   4. If you want extra credit for the research paper you may present your PowerPoint to the class. You need to arrange a date with Mr. Fife **before the Winter Break, which starts on December 22, 2010.** You can earn an **additional 20 point** on the PowerPoint grade. That means there is a possibility of getting a 70 on the PowerPoint.

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| Assignment | Date Due |
| Pick your county | September 15, 2010 |
| Research Notes | October 27,2010 |
| First Draft | November 17, 2010 |
| Second Draft | December 1, 2010 |
| Final Draft | December 22, 2010 |
| PowerPoint | December 22, 2010 |

**Grading Rubric for Final Draft**

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| Aspect | Points |
| Content | 50 |
| Length (4-5 pages not including cover page and reference page) | 20 |
| Grammar, Word Usage, Punctuation | 15 |
| Organization | 15 |